

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** pets have become increasingly important to families across the Palmetto State, providing security and companionship to people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS,** long working hours, business travel, vacations, and other extended absences from the home can cause stress and anxiety for families faced with arranging for the care of their animals as well as for pets left in unfamiliar surroundings; and

**WHEREAS,** professional pet sitters offer a convenient and cost-effective option, providing animal-care services ranging from feeding and administering medications to exercising and cleaning cages and home-care assistance from adjusting blinds and watering plants to putting out trash and collecting mail and newspapers; and

**WHEREAS,** professional pet sitters play an important role in the economic stability of the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 5 – 11, 2006, as

### PROFESSIONAL PET SITTERS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions of professional pet sitters to families and communities in our state



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**